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TO : Executive Secretary, CIA Career Council

FROM : Chairman, Defense Colleges Selection Panel

SUBJECT: Recommendations of the Defense Colleges Selection Panel

1. The Defense Colleges Selection Panel met on 9 January to consider applications received for the National War College, the Army, Navy and Air War Colleges and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. The meeting was attended by:

Matthew Baird, Director of Training

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[REDACTED] Deputy Director of Personnel
[REDACTED] representing the Deputy Director (Plans)
[REDACTED], representing the Deputy Director (Intelligence)

2. As a result of review and consideration of the individual applications, the panel submits the following nominations in order of choice for the respective Colleges:

a. National War College (Agency quota: 2)

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (1st alternate)
[REDACTED] (2nd alternate)
[REDACTED] (3rd alternate)

b. Army War College (Agency quota: 2)

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (alternate)

c. Naval War College (Agency quota: 1)

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (alternate)

d. Air War College (Agency quota: 1)

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Note: Briefs will be assembled in same sequence as listed.

Should they be tabbed by Colleges?

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e. Industrial College (Agency quota: 1)

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[REDACTED] 1st alternate)
[REDACTED] 2nd alternate)
[REDACTED] (3rd alternate)

3. The Selection Panel notes that the DD/I Offices put forward candidates for each of the five courses. On the other hand DD/P made application only for the National War College and submitted six candidates. A total of nine candidates for the War College thus competed for the two spaces available. While appreciating the desire of the DD/P Offices for Senior Career Officers to receive War College training, the panel suggests that great benefit would also be derived through their participation in the excellent courses offered by the other Defense Colleges.

4. It is believed that another space, in addition to the two already reserved for CIA personnel at the Army War College, may be obtained upon request. The Office of Training is looking into this possibility and will advise you at the earliest date.

5. The original applications, with supporting data, are attached. It is requested that these be returned to LETS/TR when they have served the purpose of the Career Council. Twelve sets of qualifications briefs on the thirteen candidates have been submitted to you earlier.

/s/

MATTHEW BAIRD

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